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Labor Press Supports US Korea Stand

(Labor Dept. Release)

Washington, D. C.—Labor press report show that organized labor in the United States stands solidly behind the move to halt Soviet aggression in South Korea.

Featured in many papers are statements by the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations, as well as independent unions, pledging all-out support to President Truman.

The unity committees of the AFL and CIO, convened this week for the first time in three years, said they "vowed our complete determination to give full united support to our Government in this time of crisis." "Labor of America," they said, "is completely united against Communist aggression and infiltration."

Previously, the AFL Free Trade Union Committee proposed a program of action including the following steps: UN should render all aid to Korea and should appeal to the Soviet Union "to order its puppet North Korean regime to halt its invasion and withdraw forthwith" north of the 38th parallel. If this appeal is flouted, the committee said, full diplomatic and economic sanctions against the Soviet Union and North Korea should be taken.

In addition the AFL committee urged that military supplies and personnel essential to defeat any Communit assault on Formosa be supplied and that the Departments of Defense, State, and Justice—together with a commission of private citizens representative of labor, management, the farmers, and the public—should be charged with preparing an effective democratic program to eliminate traitorous agencies and activities.

The newspapers report that AFL President William Green has pledged united labor support for the United Nations, stating: "Until the conflict is won, no matter how long it takes, you can rely on the organized labor movement to support the United Nations. We must win in the Far East to maintain freedom, liberty, and democracy in the whole world."

President Philip Murray of the CIO wired President Truman: "The CIO stands solidly behind your effort to halt this act of Communist aggression and to restore the peace in Asia."

Another CIO leader, Chairman Jacob S. Potofsky of the CIO International Affairs Committee charged the North Koreans with an act of aggression "in violation of the spirit and letter of the UN charter."

Harry Martin, president of the CIO's American Newspaper Guild, was quoted as saying that an "attack upon democracy anywhere in this shrinking world of 1950 is an attack upon democracy everywhere."

Many papers reported labor's request for a complete role in top-level planning for any emergency mobilization program. On July 27, Chairman W. Stuart Symington of the National Security Resources Board said he is setting-up, at the suggestion of labor, a 12-man national policy committee to work with him on home-front mobilization. Labor, industry, agriculture, and the public are to have three members each on the group. A temporary committee of labor union leaders who met with Symington to work out a program for labor participation in defense planning said AFL President William Green, CIO President Philip Murray, and President Al J. Hayes, of the International Association of of Machinists (Ind.) will represent labor on the policy committee.

Symington also announces the appointment of two labor specialists—Everett Kassalow, of the CIO research staff, and Eli Oliver, a labor economist closely connected with the Railroad Brotherhoods—as full-time assistants on the NSRB.

Japanese Unionists Here

Washington.—AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany welcomes representatives of Japanese democratic trade unions, Totaro Fujita, chairman central executive committee Private Railway Workers' Unions; Zenji Mori, chairman central executive committee Japan Express Workers Union; Kaneto Tanaka, vice-chairman Yawata Seitetsu Labor Union, and Morimitsu Kitamura, labor adviser to Kinki Civil Affairs Region and vice-chairman Osaka Labor Relations Commission.

Plans Progress For Labor Day Salinas Dance

Arrangements were nearly completed last weekend for the Labor Day dance on Saturday night, September 2, at the Bird's Nest, at the Salinas Airport, under auspices of the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, according to Alfred J. Clark, council secretary.

Advance sale of tickets for the dance, along with sponsorships, has been brisk and the affair was described as a sure financial success. Union music already has been engaged.

Clark reports for the last labor council meeting as follows:

Cliff Wiley, local civic leader, was speaker at the council meeting, discussing the coming Community Chest campaign and urging labor participation. He told why the Alisal Youth Center, which caters also to adults, was dropped from Chest aid, and answered questions in regard to Chest policies and program. The council later voted to participate in the Chest campaign and to urge all affiliated unions to do likewise.

Bob Shinn, delegate from Butchers 506, was named delegate to the World Affairs Council.

J. B. McGinley, of Laborers 272, was named delegate to the Salinas Chamber of Commerce, with which the council now is affiliated.

Purchase of $50 worth of tickets to the Shrine Circus, for use by underprivileged children, was voted.

Harvey Baldwin, business manager of Carpenters Union 925, was installed as council vice president.

Delegates of Carpenters Union 925 informed the council that a year ago the union had some 100 idle members while today virtually all carpenters are employed on local projects.

Brown Improves

Roy Brown, husband of Office Secretary Margaret Brown of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, was reported as showing improvement last week but was still in a San Francisco hospital recuperating after a serious operation. Mrs. Brown, absent from her union duties for a week, returned to her desk last week with word that her husband was expected home shortly.

In Union Circles

Union members are urged to make sure they are registered as voters so they can vote in the November elections. Most union offices have deputy registrars of voters. It costs nothing to register and vote!

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Karl Ozols, business manager of Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas, was in San Francisco last Friday on union business.

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John Martins, business agent of the Monterey County Building Trades Council, was at Fort Ord last Friday checking on possible new construction which is to be done there.

Linoleum Men Hold Meeting

Members of the Linoleum Layers Division of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas met last week for re-organization and to talk problems affecting thier craft, according to Business Representative Peter Greco.

This group will meet on the third Tuesday night each month henceforth, Greco said. A meeting chairman is to be named later.

The Linoleum Layers meet separately to consider their own problems, conditions, and organizational matters.

Carpenters Asked To Donate Blood Weekly in Salinas

Carpenters of Local 925 at Salinas were requested by Business Manager Harvey Baldwin to register at the union office and to donate blood when possible to the Red Cross Mobile Blood Bank unit which comes to Salinas each Monday.

The Red Cross is anxious to get as many blood donations as possible, particularly with the war situation.

Members may call the union's office, Salinas 9293, and leave their names. The union will notify the Red Cross and make an appointment for the blood donations.

Culinary 467 Awaits Picnic

Annual barbecue outing of Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas will be held next Tuesday at the Salinas Gun Club grounds, the date having been changed because of inability to get the picnic grounds at the time originally scheduled.

Mrs. Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Local 467, said that members would be served with a delicious dinner and that entertainment would be provided. Picnic Chairman is Al Meek, union president.

LABOR DISASTER DIVISION IS ORGANIZED AT SALINAS

Completion of the formation of an AFL Disaster Preparedness Division as an adjunct to the Salinas Area Disaster Committee, was announced last wek by Alfred J. Clark, secretary of the Monterey County Central Labor Union, who said the labor committee is all set to participate in event of emergency call.

Labor leaders gathered last week to complete the division formation, meeting with City Engineer Davies, co-ordinator of the city's disaster preparedness effort.

The labor group named J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers Union 272, as division chairman, with Clark as secretary.

Following approval by Davies of the labor division's program, the organizational plans were to be presented to the Central Labor Union with request that the disaster preparedness group be empowered to act at once in an emergency, Clark said.

At least 100 members of various AFL unions will be given training in first aid and safety measured by the Salinas chapter of the American Red Cross, Clark added, in order to make the division more effective. This training is to start at once.

Attending the organizational meeting were McGinley, Clark, Peter Greco, business agent of Painters 1104; E. R. Arbuckle, business agent of Plumbers & Steamfitters 503; John R. Martins, business agent of the county Building Trades Council; Karl Ozols, business manager of Electricians 243; Harvey Baldwin, business agent of Carpenters 925.

It was agreed that meetings should be held weekly until organization and program of the labor division is completed, Clark said.

A comprehensive chart showing the organizational setup of the labor division has been prepared. Building trades unions have key spots. Culinary Alliance 467 is to be listed for setting up of kitchens and meal service. Teamsters Union 890 is to be asked to assist in transportation matters.

Culinary-Bar Union Names New Organizer

Wayne Cantu, vice president of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey, has been named as special organizer for the union for coming months, it was anounced last week.

Cantu will assist in local organizational problems, along with Charles Osterloh, business agent pro tem, and George L. Rice, secretary.

A newcomer has been added to the office staff of Local 483 also, Alva Hoffmaster being assigned as an office worker to assist Office Secretary Mary Roberts. During the coming vacation of Mrs. Roberts, starting Friday, Mrs. Hoffmaster will have charge of the office.

Secretary Rice was in Sacramento last weekend to attend a meeting of the State Democratic Central Committee. Rice is candidate for the state assembly in the November elections.

Sardine Season Gets Poor Start

The sardine fishing and canning season opened on Aug. 1, but the season didn't get started—unions and industry leaders could not get together on contracts covering fishermen and fish cannery workers.

Federal Conciliator Omar Hoskins was in Monterey to assist the AFL Fishermen's Union and the AFL Fish Cannery Workers Union in contract talks. Details of negotiation progress were not reported.

Refrigeration Unit Signs Pact

The A-1 Refrigeration Co. of Salinas has signed the working agreement of Plumbers and Steamfitters Union 503 and henceforth will operate on a fully union basis, according to John Drew, union secretary.

Covered in the agreement are refrigeration installers, repairmen, maintenance men, and others within jurisdiction of Local 503, Drew said.

Fete Gompers On Labor Day

(State Fed. Release)

In a communication directed last week to the officers of State Federations, Central Labor Councils, and Federal Labor Unions, AFL Pres. William Green announced that the parent organization hoped to utilize the 1950 Labor Day celebrations throughout the nation for the following educational purposes:

(1) To commemorate the Gompers Centennial by calling attention to his historic contributions, as the founder and first president of the American Federation of Labor, to organized labor and democracy.

(2) To dramatize and further the special organization drive we have undertaken in 1950.

(3) To stimulate and organize support for our 1950 political program.

(4) To stress the importance of the union label.

Green stated that all of these activities are of substantial and immediate importance to the Federation, and Labor Day provides an excellent opportunity for emphasizing and advancing them.

Monterey Strikes Still Unchanged

There was no change in strikes of Sheet Metal Workers Union 304 and of Plasterers Union 337 in the Monterey area last weekend, despite continued efforts of negotiations to bring about a settlement, it was announced.

In the Sheet Metal Union dispute, vacations are the sticker, it was said, employers and union both agreeing on the wage rate. Plasterers are reportedly standing firm on a demand for wage gains.

Painters 1104 Pick Delegates

Two delegates have been named by Painters Union 1104 of Salinas to attend the international convention of the union in Detroit next month, according to Union Business Agent Peter Greco.

Named as delegates were Al Wendelkin and Earl Ross. They will leave for Detroit shortly before Labor Day.

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State Fed. to Meet Oct. 9

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, this Tuesday issued the call to the 48th convention of the Federation to be held in Santa Barbara, commencing at 10 a.m., Monday, October 9, 1950.

Convention site will be the Santa Barbara city armory. Headquarters will be located in the Carrillo Hotel.

Haggerty declared that the convention must complete and perfect the legislative program to be presented by the Federation to the 1951 session of the state legislature.

He also reminded that the convention will be held just one month before the important November elections in which the voting strength of the American Federation of Labor will be seriously tested, and that attention must be given the critical political campaigns which will then be in their final phases.

Representation for local unions will be based on the average per capita tax paid during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, i.e., the total amount paid divided by 48. Unions will be entitled to two delegates for the first 100 members or less, and one delegate for each succeeding 100 members or major fraction thereof. However, no local shall be entitled to more than six delegates.

Each delegate may vote an equal percentage of the membership of the local on all questions where a roll call is taken, all fractional votes being eliminated.

Each central labor body will be entitled to two delegates, who must, to be seated, be members of a local union affiliated with the State Federation. Each council delegate will be entitled to one vote.

Delegates may not represent more than one organization, but delegates from central labor bodies may also represent the unions of their craft. Delegates must be members in good standing of the organizations issuing their credentials.

Each delegate-elect and each alternate-elect should receive credentials from the secretary of the organization he or she represents. A list of authorized delegates must be forwarded by the local secretary to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Federation at least two weeks prior to the convention. An alternate presenting credentials and seated in place of the delegate-elect shall be the recognized representative of the organization throughout the convention.

The deadline for the receipt of resolutions (in triplicate) by the Secretary-Treasurer is Wednesday, Oct. 4, 1950, except those proposed by statewide conferences of affiliated organizations held not less than three days prior to the opening of the convention, which may be filed up until 12 noon on Monday, Oct. 5, 1950.

Delegates now wishing to make hotel or room reservations should correspond with the Santa Barbara Convention Bureau, P. O. Box 299, Santa Barbara.

Chrysler, Du Pont, GM Pour Thousands Into FEE's Treasury

The Foundation for Economic Education (FEE), which poses as a non-partisan dealer of facts, is really a Big Business front.

In the FEE's first four years it received more than $1.3 million. A million of that came from big corporations.

Of the rest, $141,000 was from individuals and $172,000 from the sale of booklets. FEE was set up in March, 1946.

Chairman Frank Buchanan (D., Pa.) of the House Lobbying Activities Committee reported July 18 the big backers of the FEE include Armour, Chrysler, DuPont, Fruehauf Trailer, General Electric, General Motors, Goodrich, Gulf Oil, Humble Oil, Montgomery Ward, Republic Steel, Sears, Roebuck, Standard Oil, Sun Oil, U. S. Steel and Westinghouse.

AUTO HINTS

Tire Valve Caps—Flat tires and damage resulting from air losses frequently result from failure to use air-sealing tire valve caps.

Ignition Check-Up — Distributor points and timing should be checked at least twice a year in order to keep your car's ignition system in good condition.

Sinking Brake Pedal—If the brake pedal gradually sinks toward the floor while you are holding the car on an incline, it means trouble. Your vehicle should be taken to a repair shop without delay. The probable cause of this condition is a defective hydraulic master cylinder.

Warning Sign—If you see a ball rolling into the street ahead of your car, slow down immediately and be prepared for a quick stop, cautions the California State Automobile Association. A running child in pursuit of the ball may dash in front of your car.

How U.S. Has Been 'Ruined' by Liberalism

Here's another example of the way the New Deal and Fair Deal have "wrecked" the United States:

President Truman is the first President since Andrew Johnson who has been in office during a four-year period in which there were no bank failures. Johnson succeeded Abraham Lincoln in 1865.

And why have there been no bank failures in the past six years? It's all due to that "terrible" New Deal which started the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

The FDIC is the outfit which insures your bank deposits and makes sure that banks don't gamble away all your money the way they used to do.

The Occupational Disease Problem

By ROBERT W. GILBERT and LOUIS A. NISSEN

The occupational disease is one of the most difficult problems in the workmen's compensation field. It is the area more than any other area in which claimants either are unaware of their rights or lose their rights through inadvertence.

Ordinary contagious and infectious diseases are not compensable unless a clear connection with the employment is shown. As can readily be recognized, marked difficulties of proof are involved. Many claimants, never suspecting the source of their disease lose out on their rights and never even claim compensation to which they may be justly entitled.

Thus, vigilance is required here, as in the case of all hazards not readily observed with the naked eye. To protect his rights to secure benefits under the workmen's compensation laws, a claimant must be alert; must not delay in getting regular checkups with his family physician; must not hesitate in securing legal advice if there is any doubt as to his right to compensation and must keep his employer informed as to any difficulties which might be arising as a result of his employment.

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BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., J. N. Butler, Jr., 418 Monterey St., phone 4110; Sec.-Treas., N. H. Freeman, 36 W. Alisal St., phone 9782.

BARTENDERS 545 — Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p. m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Sec.-Bus. Agt., Al J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633. Pres., Virgil K. Knight, office 117 Pajaro St. Phone 4633.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY — Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 8 p.m. at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., William K. Grubbs, 76 Forest Ave., Pacific Grove. Rec. Sec., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina, phone Mont. 2-3002. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins. Salinas office, 274 East Alisal, phone 2-1603; Monterey office, 315 Alvarado, phone 5-6744.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. Pres., Clark Bannert, 1209 1st Ave., phone 2-0720. Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1881 Jonathan Ave., San Jose, CYpress 5-3849. **Hollister-Gilroy Officers:** Pres., Richard Santa, 122 Vine St., Hollister, phone 392; Rec.-Sec., Harold Johnson, Rte. 2, Box 139, Hollister, phone 43F5.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Secretary & Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUtter 1-2838. **District Vice-President, Thomas A. Small,** office 306 Seventh Ave., San Mateo; phone Diamond 3-6984.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Herbert Nelson. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Harvey Baldwin, 556 San Benito, phone Salinas 6716, Rec. Sec., A. O. Miller, Hall and office, 1422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

CARPENTERS 1279 (King City)—Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays at King City Carpenters Hall. Pres., Bill Young, phone 3/6-J. Sec., A. W. Reiger, 411 South San Lorenzo Ave., phone 694-W.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Herbert Nelson, 32 Paloma St., phone 5187; sec., Mrs. Frank Wenzinger, 146 Alton Rd., phone 21156; Bus. Agt., Mrs. Lewis Ball, 140 Linden St., phone 4603. Office at Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main, phone 9293.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (Monterey County), Salinas—Meets every Friday at 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. A. Wood. Sec.-Treas., Alfred J. Clark, office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Monday at 2:30 p. m. and 4th Monday at 8:00 p. m. at Salinas Labor Temple. Pres., Alan Meeks; Sec., Bertha Boles. Office, Glikbarg Bldg., 6 West Gabilan St., phone 6209.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thurs- Pres., Wm. Nuelle, 1027 Del Monte St., phone 2-3590. Sec.-Treas., Josephine Jones, 674 E. Market, phone 2-0871; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA. 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesdays; Executive Board, 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro St. Pres., Alvin Esser, Baldwin Trailer Court, phone 2-3273. Fin. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Karl E. Ozols, office 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesdays, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville Labor Temples, 8 p. m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Rm. 485, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 3004 16th St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel, office 257 Fifth St., Richmond, Calif., phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Luther Cloud, 16th and Capp St., San Francisco, phone MArket 1-4958 Branch Agt., Ronald Schaetter, Moss Landing, phone Castroville 6572.

JOINT EXECUTIVE BOARD, Bartenders 545 and Culinary Alliance 467—Meets 2nd Wednesdays 2 p.m. at Labor Temple. Pres. Bertha A. Boles, phone 6209; Sec., A. J. Clark, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4633.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. Pres., R. Fenchel, 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey. Sec., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson St., Salinas, phone 2-2906. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-1603.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258 — Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p. m. Pres., Hazel Skewes, 1314 2nd Ave., Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59-1st Ave. Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco. Phone MA. 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824 — Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p. m. Pres., Alex Day, res. 611 Doss Ave., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., L. W. Parker, 1429 Wiren St., phone Salinas 9494.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Walter Ebel, 530 Park St., phone 2-2984. Rec. Ses., L. Wendelkin, 1115 Juanita Blvd. Fin. Sec. and B. A., Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln Ave. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 4th Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine St., phone 5530. Sec., C. R. Pendergrass, 210 Dennis, phone 2-1553. Bus. Agt., John R. Martins, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-1603.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 7:30 p.m.; (Ex. Board meets every Tuesday, 7 p.m.) Pres., Carl Littvin; Fin. and Rec. Sec., John W. Drew; Bus. Agt., E. R. Arbuckle. Office at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARIERS 1046 — Meets every 3rd Wednesday, Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., J. H. Fischer, 12B Mercer Way, Sec. H. C. Schielke, 636 El Camino Real No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday of month at Salinas at 8 p.m. Pres., Harry Wingard 950 Colton, Monterey; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Meders, 151 Toro Ave., Salinas.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Charles Smith, Box 703, Monterey, Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 831 Beach St., Salinas, phone 2-3366. Office, 6 W. Gabilan St., Room 1, phone 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Donald King, 106 Irving, Monterey, phone 3014; Sec.-Treas., John Murphy, 616 Elm St., Rt. 1, Monterey.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey, Hawthorne and Prescott streets, and at Salinas at Carpenters Hall, 1422 N. Main St., and at Watsonville and Santa Cruz. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., R. W. Beckenhower, Box 815, Watsonville; Bus. Rep., Harry Foster, Box 424, Marina. Office phone Monterey 6744.

STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call. Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas; Sec.-Treas., W. P. Karcich, 20 Natividad Rd., Salinas, phone 2-2691.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, Firemen's Hall at 8 p. m. Pres., Frank Hughes, Spreckels. Sec.-Treas., Robert S. MacRossie, Spreckels, phone 3064. Rec. Sec., Louis Ferreira.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets on call. Sec. Fred Clayson, 70 Robley Road, Corral de Tierra, Salinas, Phone 3045.

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AFL Heads Take Up War Problems

Chicago.—The AFL Executive Council will give priority to war and defense problems at its midsummer meeting.

The council was due to receive a complete briefing of meetings between AFL officials and Chairman Stuart M. Symington of the National Security Resources Board on mobilization to a partial war footing to meet the Korean crisis and defense needs.

AFL President William Green will report on labor unity talks with the CIO and re-affiliation of the International Association of Machinits.

After drafting policies on production, manpower, prices and other related problems, the council will prepare its annual report for the AFL covention opening at Houston on Sept. 18.

Socialism?

Private utilities made a net profit of $448 million during the first' half of 1950. Last year, their net "take" was $392 million—or $56 million less.

Is this the "socialism" that the utility lobbyists rave about?

Federal Board Says Prices Near Record

Washington.—The Federal Reserve Board told Congress prices are higher now than any time in history except for the all-time peak reached in August and September 1948.

The board feared "serious problems of gray markets and spiraling prices."

"Even before the attack by the communist North Koreans, on June 25," the board noted, "prices were rising and we were in a potentially inflationary situation. Because of developments in the past few weeks, it is imperative that steps be taken to reduce or defer civilian demands and to lessen inflationary presures."

As indicators of the trend, the board cited record sales of automobiles and houses, and the price increases that started in March and accelerated after the Korean invasion.

Prices of 28 basic commodities advanced 10 percent in one month after the fighting began, while the all-commodity index of wholesale prices rose 4 percent, the board reported.

"Consumer prices are now higher than at any other time, except for a short period in the latter part of 1948," the board said.

The expansion of mortgage and consumer credit was described as one of the major inflationary factors, with consumer credit increasing about $3,000,000,000 annually in the last four years and the home mortgage debt more than doubling since the end of World War II.

'With These Hands' Prints Available

New York.—Arrangements have been made with Classic Pictures, Inc., New York, for the handling of all distribution of "With These Hands," film history of the AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers. This includes the 35 mm. and 16 mm. versions of the picture both for commercial engagements in theaters and for showings by organizations, institutions.

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EDITORIALS

DEMOCRACY AND HYPOCRISY

Most Americans pride themselves on living in such a democracy as that of the United States. We could indeed have a most wonderful democracy in this land of ours if the vast majority of the people who live here would really turn to and make it so. As it is we can have only as much democracy as we put in practice.

All citizens could register and vote. As a matter of actual fact less than half of our people even bother to register with the result that they thereby disfranchise themselves. Of those who do get registered it is like pulling teeth to get half of these duly qualified electors to vote on election day. The result is that a comparatively small percentage of our people are doing the running of our country.

We hear a lot about democracy and the "American Way of Life." When reduced to concrete realities this is mostly noise that seethes with hypocrisy. The shibboleths of democracy are shouted from everywhere, but back of it crouch entirely too many entrenched grafters whose sole concern in life is to be left free to gouge the helpless American public, not only out of all they earn, but to plunge as many as possible up to their ears in debt, thus making millions pay extra for the privilege of being grafted upon. Is this our way of life?

Let us never forget that we cannot possibly have any more democracy than we practice. Democracy is something that must be lived, not merely talked about.

PROFITEERING AND WAR

When does it become necessary to face an emergency? Should a stand be taken when it arises or should it just be permitted to run its course until endless harm is done and then belatedly make believe something is to be done about it?

Evidently most republicans and many democrats, who hold seats in our present Congress, and our chief executive as well, although they are willing to plunge our country into war on less than twenty-four hours notice, they are not nearly so ready to take the necessary steps to protect the American people from the greedy war profiteers who always emerge from everywhere, whenever war starts.

Instead of re-establishing rigorous price controls and equally rigorous rent controls on the same day our government permitted our country to move into the present war those now in charge of guiding the destinies of our land have waited for many weeks without doing anything about it except to talk. Their chief alibi was that controls should not be necessary, as though war profiteers ever have demonstrated they at any time are able to restrain themselves from gouging the American public on most any available pretext.

There is even talk about letting prices climb to the extent of five per cent or more and then do something of a restraining nature. Why let prices climb at all? Every raise in living costs makes need for more wages to keep even. Yet most people don't want strikes. Why breed strikes by permitting prices to soar? Why just talk of price controls, but do nothing? Do something and do it at once.

NEGLECTED INVESTIGATION

There is one subversive investigation that has been sadly and apparently deliberately neglected. We refer to the subject of fascism, which sought to ingratiate itself on all the world only a very few years back. These totalitarians did it with force and violence.

Does anybody imagine that fascism has ceased to exist? Is anybody so blind as not to be able to discern the beginnings of fascism in the Taft-Hartley bill? With all that is being said about eliminating subversives from our government and alluding in almost every breath to the danger of totalitarianism controlling the world, why is it that our daily press has little or absolutely nothing to say about the danger of fascism, which is the most intolerable form of totalitarianism, which has ever attempted to destroy democracy completely and set itself up as a complete dictatorship throughout the entire population on earth?

Instead of investigating and reporting to our people what fascists are plotting to do to the people of the United States our newspapers are as mum as a clam. They are busy with the smear and carefully manufactured insinuations against everybody who has the slightest leaning towards progressive ideas but not a murmur against the fascists and what they are up to. In short, investigation of fascism seems to be a line of investigation that is almost totally neglected.

JOKES, Etc.

Persistent

The energetic traveling salesman, eager to see a big business executive, finally bludgeoned his way past the various secretaries at the end of a rush day in the office.

"Salesman, eh?" snorted the big man. "Do you know my secretaries have thrown out thirteen salesmen already today?"

"Yes, sir," said the salesman. "I'm them."

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"Do women's slacks come in odd sizes?" asked a customer.

"Nope," said the clerk. "They get in that shape from being worn."

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The prisoner was asked why he beat the victim.

"Well, Jedge, he called me a rhinoceros."

"Uumph! Phinoceros, eh? When did this happen?

"Jes about three years ago, Jedge."

"Three years ago! Why did you wait until today to get even, then?"

"Well, Jedge, de facts am dat I never seed no rhinoceros until dis mawnin'."

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"This check is doubtless all right," said the bank paying teller politely, "but have you anything about you by which you could be identified?"

The pretty young girl faltered, then replied: "I have a mole just above my left knee."

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"A fellow walked into a store and said: "I came in here to get something for my wife."

"What," asked the clerk, "are you asking for her?"

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Few things are needful to make the wise man happy, but nothing satisfies the fool.—Rochefoucald.

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Gee-Gee the office vamp flunked a recent history test because she gave this answer: "Daniel Boone was born in a log cabin he built himself."

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"I'll have you know I'm a self-made man," said the sawmill foreman to an employee.

"Yep," replied the worker, "so I have assumed, but who interrupted you?"

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY: Praise is what you receive when you are no longer alive.

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"All the world loves a lover until he monopolizes the telephone."

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News item: In Wichita in the winter the gals sit around and hug the stove and let the men smoke. But in Wheeling in the winter the men sit around and hug the girls and let the stove smoke.

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Headline in Galveston (Tex.) newspaper: "Dog in Bed, Asks Divorce."

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Door-to-door salesman: "It your mother engaged?"

Small boy who answered the door: "I think she's married."

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Uncle Remus says: "If ignorance is bliss, why aren't there more happy people?"

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Gee-Gee the office vamp comments: "A low neck always attracts more attention than a high forehead."

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY: If you're a person of few words, you won't have to take so many of them back.

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Gee-Gee the office vamp says she can't see why men wear double-breasted suits!

Patriotic?

Here's patriotism for you! While some of Uncle Sam's airmen are off to the front in Korea, patriotic landlords in Spokane, Wash., decided to boost the rent on their wives and children. The wife of at least one of these boys was handed an eviction notice.

The landlords put over decontrol of rentals in Spokane last year. Mayor Arthur Meehan said if the situation gets worse he will recommend restoration of the controls.

AFL-CIO Headed For Full Merger

(AFL Release)

Washington.—The AFL and CIO are headed for organic unity.

Representatives designated by the AFL Executive Council and the CIO Executive Board constituted themselves at a 2-day meeting as a permanent committee to seek the ultimate goal of a single united labor movement in America.

They called for another session Aug. 4 in Chicago to consider next steps and to make the organization formal with the election of a chairman and secretary.

The committee agreed that the entire AFL and CIO will work together with the Government in the Korean crisis, for national defense, in the legislative field and to elect a liberal Congress in November.

The full and complete pledge of cooperation in all fields inspired rank and file union members throughout the country and is expected to mark the beginning of a new era of greater achievement for organized labor and all the people.

The agenda for the Aug. 4 meeting was to be prepared by AFL Pres. Charles J. MacGowan, president of the International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, and CIO Vice Pres. Allan S. Haywood.

In a joint press conference, they told reporters that the committee had but one task—to form one labor movement.

"With the disturbed world conditions and the march of communism," MacGowan said, "we feel that to preserve our American institutions and to protect the working people of this country and other countries the necessity for organic unity is a virtual must.

"Our conversations and relations have been conducted in an atmosphere of hearty cordiality and every member of this committee is determined to achieve our ultimate goal."

The full 10-man committee earlier issued a joint statement pledging full united labor support to winning the war in Korea, continued cooperation in internatonal relations through the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, and continued cooperation in the fields of legislation and political action.

The committee said that at future meetings it will give consideration to:

(1) Establishing practical machinery to handle problems of jurisdictional disputes and raiding affecting unions of the two organizations.

(2) Specific proposals for organic unity.

AFL officials regarded the decisions as the most important ever taken to unify the 16,000,000 members of American labor under one banner.

Committee members made known that when the AFL and the CIO had cleared away major obstacles to their merger, other labor groups such as the United Mine Workers and railroad brotherhoods would be contacted.

The International Association of Machinists is conducting independent negotiations for reaffiliation with the AFL.

AFL members of the unity committee are Mr. MacGowan, AFL Vice Presidents Dan W. Tracy, president, Electrical Workers, and Daniel J. Tobin, president, Teamsters, and AFL Pres. William Green.

CIO members are CIO Vice Presidents Haywood, Walter Reuther, Emil Rieve, Frank Rosenblum, Joseph Curran and Secy.-Treas. James B. Carey.

From the Same Breed of Cats

The creed of the confidence man, a slick operator who fleeces unsuspecting chumps out of their life savings, is based on the proposition that there is more than one way to skin a cat.

There is very little difference between the confidence men who invariably end in the toils of the law and the propagandists, who are also aliased as lobbyists, and invariably end up in the seat of our government, the Halls of Congress.

Confidence men whet their appetite on other people's money. Lobbyists seem best satiated by deceit and maneuvering.

Whereas a confidence man is booked, fingerprinted and is pictured on the walls of every post-office, lobbyists differ. They are accepted part and parcel by all society; are glorified in the paneled offices of anti-labor giants in industry and business, and are even made heroes by the so-called respected press and weekly magazines.

A confidence man is known for what he is—a low cheat. Yet, the lobbyist can get his views on controversial subjects published as if they were actual fact and part of a magazine's policy; or the lobbyist can hire a ghost writers to do the same job.

It is indeed regrettable that lobbyists can wield so much power.

And yet, when the government tries to investigate such lobbies and the men behind them, who screams the loudest?

Those respected lobbyists, how'd you guess it?

Probe of Small Number Voting Urged

Washington (LPA).—Rep. Jacob C. Javits (Rep.-Lib., N.Y.) is seeking the support of state governors in his attempt to get Congress to investigate why citizens do not vote in adequate numbers. Javits wrote to the governors he believes that more people must vote if we are to have good government.

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"Draft Men, Not Profits"

(LLPE Release)

Draft men? Okay by us, say Republican Senators Robert Taft (Ohio) and Homer Capehart (Ind.).

Draft profits? Dictatorship! cry Taft and Capehart.

Thus, Taft and Capehart have announced their opposition to President Truman's mobilization program. Right off the bat, let's get this straight about mobilization:

Taft, Capehart & Co. have the idea that mobilization means only the drafting of men. But you know that mobilization also means controls over business.

"Arbitrary powers should not be granted unless they are necessary for the particular crisis which we face" Taft told the Senate July 24.

Capehart said at a hearing of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee the same day that "with the enactment of this law we will be giving the President emergency powers that will be perpetuated for time immemorial."

Taft and Capehart are talking about Mr. Truman's mobilization program. What does the Presdent propose?

First, he wants authority to compel, say, a steel or automobile company to put orders for tanks or Army trucks before production of washing machines or convertibles.

Secondly, Mr. Truman believes he should have the power to help set up more factories if they are needed for the war program.

Finally, he wants to control speculation in food—to keep prices of meat, bread and the other things you eat low—and restrict loans to keep inflation in check.

Why do Taft and Capehart oppose such a program? Simply because they don't want business to take a cut in profits.

Just draft men, take them away from their families, say Taft and Capehart. But let business alone so it can make big profits while men die in the hills and rice paddies of Korea.

Labor Must Fight For Friends With $2 Contributions

"In his column of July 7 . . . Drew Pearson . . . wrote the following:

"Forthright Congressman Frank Buchanan of Pennsylvania may have to retire as chairman of the committee investigating lobbying. The big corporation lobbies are planning to pour big money into his district to defeat him.

" 'It was Congressman Buchanan who recently discovered that the DuPont's gave thousands of dollars to Merwin K. Hart's hate lobby.'

"Because Representative Buchanan refused to turn this investigation into an insipid whitewash . . . the corruptionists . . . want to make an example of the Congressman and throw the fear of the devil into other national law makers . . .

"Organized labor . . . should give all possible support to Buchanan . . . It should put the issue squarely up to the voters . . . as to whether they want an honest, honorable man to represent them or some venal rubber stamp beholden to the monopolists who are hell bent on wrecking our democracy. . . .

"The only way organized labor can get money to help decent public servants like Buchanan is to get it from the rank-and-file in the shape of $2 memberships in Labor's League for Political Education."—St. Louis Labor Tribune.

Your $2 Needed as Taft Fund Increases

A. A. Weatherhead, a Cleveland manufacturer, already has raised $1 million for Sen. Robert Taft's (R., Ohio) campaign chest.

Have you given your $2 to Labor's League for Political Education?

Labor Dept. Notes Labor Half Century

(State Fed. Release)

The Monthly Labor Review, official publication of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics and the government's oldest periodical, celebrated its 35th birthday last week with a special 20-page issue tracing the progress of American labor during the first half of the 20th century.

With a score of articles from some of the country's outstanding authorities on labor subjects, the issue discusses (a) the impact of industrial change on the workers' jobs and on their occupational and living habits; (b) trade union development and labor's social and political role; (c) the basic aspirations and motivating philosophy of American labor; (d) labor legislation, court decisions, and government's changing attitude toward labor relations; (e) some of the objectives and devices of collective bargaining.

In a special 16-page section, ten book reviewers reappraise some of the influential literature published in the field during the past 50 years. The books broadly cover these subjects: labor history and theory, trade union structure, labor law, official investigative reports on industrial relations, the labor level, and wage theory.

A limited number of copies are available at 50 cents each.

Unions Will Keep War Goods Moving

(State Fed. Release)

No communists or other subversives will hinder shipments of supplies from American ports during the Korean emergency.

This is the substance of a voluntary agreement signed in San Francisco on July 24 by representatives of an overwhelming majority of the nation's maritime unions and their employers in Atlantic, Pacific, Gulf, and Great Lakes ports.

The plan was agreed upon at a conference called by Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin and Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer. Other government officials who attended included representatives of President Truman's secretariat, the United States Coast Guard, the Department of Justice, the Navy Department, and the Maritime Administration.

Taxation, NAM Style

While we're on the subject of one-way characters let's not overlook the National Association of Manufacturers, which figured in the news again last week by way of fulfilling its all-consuming objective—the sandbagging of the mass of American working people.

Appearing before a Congressional committee considering new corporate taxes as a means of increasing revenue, NAM spokesmen proposed equitable. In other words, a sales tax, payable by the consumer.

NAM's reasoning is simple. Since there are more poor people than rich people, why shouldn't the poor ones assume the largest share of the tax burden.

What we'd like to know is: When is NAM going to propose something for the common good.

Check your registration deadlines.

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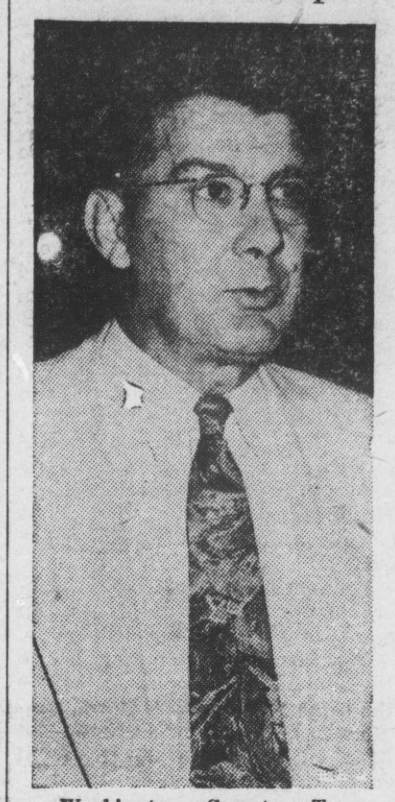


Washington.—Secretary-Treasurer Edward H. Weyler of Kentucky Federation of Labor urges local unions to help in the fight to elect liberal congress.

Plenty for All, Don't Overbuy

The food bins are full. There is no reason to stock up, and every reason not to. The way to create shortages is to buy more than you need.

The Agriculture Department made these facts clear in its July 23 report, "The National Food Situation."

"Supplies of food available . . . in the U. S. are expected to continue at about the same high level as in the past two years," it said. "Even if the Korean situation results in some increase in military procurement of food in coming months, supplies available for civilians would not be noticeably affected."

"Production of food this year," the report continues, "is expected to total about the same as in 1949, 38 per cent more than the 1935-39 average and 20 per cent above 1941."

However the survey shows food consumed this year is expected to average only 11 per cent higher than the 1935-39 average and a little above 1941, the record year before World War II.

It also shows that "in the next five months prices are not likely to go more than 3 or 4 per cent above the July level. . . . The current food supply situation is again such that speculative buying and price increases are not warranted.

"On the basis of present indications of food supplies and consumer demand, retail food prices in 1950 are expected to average about the same as last year."

Agriculture Secretary Charles Brannan told the House Agriculture Committee July 24 his department is worried not about possible shortages but about what to do with the tremendous food surpluses bulging Government warehouses.

"We have adequate supplies," Brannan declared, "and there is no need for the hording or for the rise in prices."—(LLPE)

Depressions Are Okay, Chamber Official Says

Bet you didn't know depressions are good for you.

Well, they are—if you believe in the gospel according to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, that is.

Clem D. Johnson, U. S. Chamber of Commerce director, said July 13 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville that boom-bust cycles "are a sort of rhythmic pulsation, the one a natural and proper corrective of the other."

Tell it to the National Association of Manufacturers, Mr. Johnson!

ASK PROFITS TAX TO END GOUGING

Washington.—Organized labor demanded that Congress enact an excess profits tax to end price gouging of consumers.

Following a meeting with Chairman Stuart M. Symington of the National Security Resources Board, AFL President William Green issued a statement on behalf of all American labor calling for enactment of an excess profits tax to end speculative price increases resulting from the Korean war.

"We believe," Mr. Green said, "that excess profits taxation should be quickly adopted to remove the incentive for speculative price increases and to return to the government the profits extorted from the public in these critical days through wholly unjustified rises in the price of necessities."

AFL Vice President George M. Harrison, who with Mr. Green and AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany served as AFL conferees with NSRB Chairman Stuart M. Symington, said that business and industry are "gouging the public and there is no excuse for it."

Following is the statement on prices issued by the 9-man labor group which has been meeting regularly with Mr. Symington since the outbreak of the Korean war:

"In the course of our discussion with the National Security Resources Board, we, the representatives of organized labor in America, were impelled to express our growing alarm at the sweeping increase in the cost of living during the past five weeks.

"These inflationary price rises over-shadow every other economic factor in the nation. They spell growing hardships for millions of American families. They threaten to increase beyond all reason the cost of preparing our nation's defense of freedom.

"It is obvious that our government must move with speed and determination to halt this economic menace to our national stability. We cannot appease inflation. We must take whatever steps are necessary to halt the spiraling cost of living.

"We believe that excess profits taxation should be quickly adopted, to remove the incentive for speculative price increases, and to return to the government the profits extorted from the public in these critical days through wholly unjustified rises in the price of necessities.

"Such legislation will prove to the people of America and to our boys in uniform that we are determined that no person, no group, no corporation shall profit out of the crisis in which the United States finds itself today.

"This is a time for equality of sacrifice by the citizens of our nation.

"We are confronted by profiteering, by price gouging—and, on the other hand, by a growing inadequacy in the buying power of millions of American wage earners. The general level of food prices has risen 9 percent since June 25 and 13 percent since January 1; shortages produced by speculative buying and hoarding are threatening to upset the living standards of the nation's working population.

"We call upon the Congress to act speedily and decisively to remedy this deteriorating situation on the American home front."

You Getting Fat on High Meat Prices?

"Who is getting fat in the pork barrel?"

That's the question Rep. H. R. Gross (R., Iowa) asked July 18 in the House.

He points out the price of hogs being sold by farmers in Chicago increased only 4 cents a pound from June 23, the day before the Korean war started, until July 14. The jump was from almost 20 cents to 24 cents a pound.

Meanwhile, the price of pork loins sold at wholesale in Chicago increased 19 cents a pound in the same period. The comparable prices are 45 and 64 cents a pound.

And the price of center cut pork chops in Baltimore went up from 78 to 85 cents a pound—7 cents—in the first three weeks of the Korean war.

All those figures are from the Agriculture Department. They show one thing:

The guys who are "getting fat in the pork barrel" are the big meat packers—companies like Swift, Armour, Cudahy and Wilson. They're using the war as an excuse for gouging you.

"Throughout our history," Gross comments, "some so-called Americans have made unconscionable profits out of war at the expense of ordinary citizens, including those doing the fighting and dying."—(LLPE)

High Profits Show Tax Boosts in Line

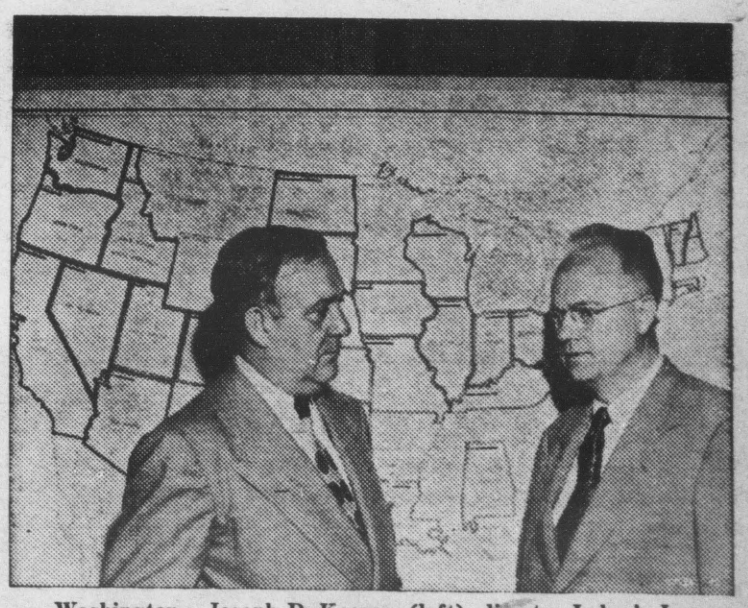
You're going to hear the National Association of Manufacturers holler about the danger of higher corporation taxes.

Can big business stand an increase in taxes? Would an excess profits tax wreck businessmen?

In 1939 when World War II began corporate profits after taxes totaled $5 billion. Right now they are running at the rate of $21 billion.

Business survived big taxes during the 1940's. And it certainly can take them in 1950—with its profits four times what they were 10 years ago.

Work for T-H Repeal



Washington.—Joseph D. Keenan (left), director Labor's League for Political Education, talks with President Woodruff Randolph of International Typographical Union in front of huge U.S. map showing states where labor must elect liberal senators to assure repeal of the Taft-Hartley law used so viciously on the printers' union.

Pledged Action Now

Washington.—Two of the fightin'est speeches pledging immediate help by their international unions to the fund-raising and registration drives of Labor's League for Political Education were made by President John P. Burke of the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (left) and AFL Vice-President Dan W. Tracy, president International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Meat Cutters Urge Imprisonment Of Profiteers and Black Marketeers

Chicago.—Imprisonment for profiteers in the Korean war crisis was demanded by the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen in telegrams sent to President Truman and Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

Earl W. Jimerson, president, and Patrick E. Gorman, secretary-treasurer, signed the wires on behalf of the union's 225,000 members in the meat industry. They said:

"While American boys are dying in Korea, it is revolting to hear many gloat over prospects that the war will bring a boom to industry.

". . . should any person or corporation engage in profiteering or black marketing, the severest possible punishment (short of death) upon conviction should be the penalty imposed for such profits earned from the blood of our young heroes."

Mr. Gorman told the AFL News Service that meat prices have gone up 10 to 15 percent in scare buying since the North Koreans crossed the 38th meridian.

"There is no necessity for hoarding and scare buying," he said. "It is a disgrace. A friend of mine who has a small business—3 stores—sold 8 tons of sugar in 3 days, just over the counter. Consumers who formerly bought 5 pounds came in for 100 pounds."

While the meat cutters are opposed to controls of any kind in peacetime, they favor rigid government price control during war, Mr. Mr. Gorman added. He said the fighting in Korea should be treated as a war.

"If price control is enforced, organized labor will be ready to accept wage control," said Mr. Gorman. "We should agree not to ask increases in wages as long as prices remained fixed."

All hoarders should be penalized, he said, even housewives.

White Collar Workers

Clerks, stenographers, bookkeepers and other general office workers, as well as manual workers, are entitled to the Federal wage and hour law's minimum wage of 75 cents an hour and overtime pay at time and one-half, if they are engaged in interstate commerce or in any closely related process or occupation directly essential to the production of goods for interstate commerce.

The character of the son begins to develop when he hears his mother complaining that her husband has no place in the government, of which the consequence is that she has no precedence among other women.—Plato.

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Lehman Proves Friend of Worker Is Pal of Farmer

The friend of the worker is the friend of the farmer too.

Sen. Herbert Lehman (D., N. Y.) is living proof of that fact.

Workers in New York found out what a good guy Lehman is during his 10-year term as governor from 1932 to 1942. Under Lehman progressive laws were passed.

And in his first term as a Senator, Lehman continues to work in the interests of all the people.

Less well known are his efforts to help farmers. For instance, Lehman appeared before a Senate Agriculture subcommitee July 20 to ask for a survey of the dairy industry.

Lehman pointed out dairy farmers in New York, as well as in other states, are in serious trouble.

Yes, farmers and workers are in the same boat. They must look to the same Representatives and Senators to help them. And they must fight off the same Congressional enemies.

They Cry Loudest And Get Most

The very businessmen who shout the loudest about the evils of the "welfare state" benefits the most from "big government."

The Joint Economic Report, issued in June by the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report, shows:

In the year that began July 1 the Federal Government will pay nearly $11 billion to businessmen.

The money goes for such things as constructed highways, airports, and buildings for the government by private builders.

But in the same year the whole social security program will pay out only $6 billion. This includes pensions, relief for old folk and help for the jobless.

And in the same 12-month period, farmers will get less than $2 billion from the Federal Government. That includes the cost of the whole agricultural program.

Human Beings First

Employees are human beings first, citizens of our nation second, and factors in production third. Labor is not a commodity to be bought, sold, or exchanged in the market place. Labor can never be really understood if considered solely in the mass. The great working force of any business is a collection of individual human beings, all with individual rights and individual problems worthy of consideration by management and government.

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"Tax Little Guy"—Taft

(LLPE Release)

Senator Robert A. Taft says we should pay as we go in this emergency. He says we shouldn't borrow a nickel; that we should pay the cost out of taxes. Taft says individual income taxes should be raised and credit clamps put on to stop inflation.

But does he think profits should be taken out of war? Does he think the war budget should be balanced by an excess profits tax?

Here is what the "Washington Post" said about him July 25: "Senator Robert A. Taft (R., Ohio) joined . . . in recommending an immediate increase on corporations and individuals but opposed an excess profits tax at this time. Taft said he thought a war profits tax would be of 'doubtful value' because it encouraged lavish corporation spending."

The next time you read Taft wants to tighten the belt, ask yourself, "Whose belt?" Labor is ready to do its share and more. But if labor must forego wage increases, pay higher prices as well as higher taxes and if the GI's overseas must fight and die for their fellow citizens, surely war profits must be taxed to help pay the bills.

Taft's policy simply stated is: PAY FOR THE WAR BY TAXING THE LITTLE FELLOW. Let prices rise without any controls. Let the owners of industry keep the swollen profits they make out of war contracts and high prices.

Sounds immoral and unpatriotic? It is. Taft again has shown his unfitness for public office.

Taft and Defense

Senator Taft told reporters July 19 he was afraid President Truman might be given power "to step in and tell a manufacturing concern that it can't make a certain item in its plant but must make something else."

Inasmuch as American boys are being told that they can't carry on their peacetime lives but must shoulder rifles, we fail to shed our tears with Mr. Taft.

Never forget that on September 28, 1949, Taft voted against arms aid to Southern Korea—and that on May 25, 1950, he voted against sending that nation $100 million in economic aid.

If It's Rayon, Firm Must Say So

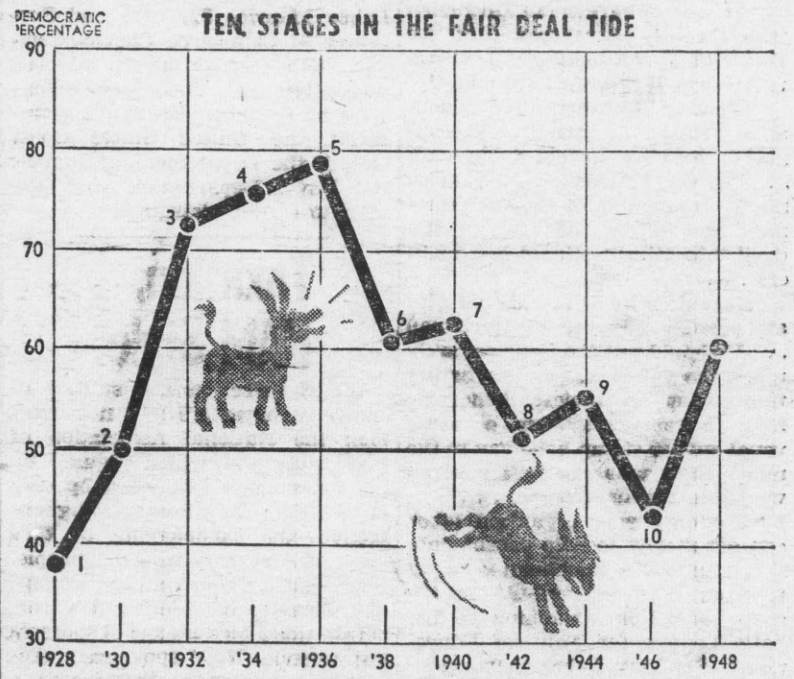
Washington (LPA).—When a concern advertises or sells women's wearing apparel composed in whole or in part of rayon, it must clearly say so. The Federal Trade Commission has found the Gay Time Frock Co., of Scranton, Pa., and Chicago, sold apparel containing rayon, which looked like natural fibers such as silk, and the company failed to reveal "in words familiar to the public" the rayon content of the products. This practice, the FTC said, "is misleading and deceptive and many members of the purchasing public are thereby led to believe that said garments are composed wholly or in part of silk . . . or other natural fibers." The FTC ordered Gay Time to be more sober in its ads hereafter.

Utah AFL May Buy Radio Station

The Utah State Federation of Labor may become the owner of a major radio station—if its proposed purchase of Salt Lake City station KNAK is approved by the Federal Communications Commission.

Fullmer H. Latter, president, and J. R. Wilson, executive secretary of the State Federation, announced last week that they have acquired a two-year option to buy the station from its present owners, the Granite District Broadcasting Corp. The purchase price would be approximately $200,000.

Latter said that, if the station is purchased, "there will be no changes in personnel or policies." He added that the station will not be acquired for the sole purpose of airing labor's viewpoint.



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Lucky Fish Catch

Sport and commercial fishermen have been asked by the Division of Fish and Game to keep a lookout for some of the fin-tagged flounders, sole, cabezone, and ling cod to be found in ocean and bay waters along the northern California coast.

From the research vessel "N. B. Scofield," marine biologists in July placed plastic tags on the fins of 734 bottom fish. A total of more than 3,000 such fish have been tagged this year in the Pacific Ocean between Eureka and Monterey Bay.

By means of a specially-designed **beam trawl net dragged along the** ocean floor, the fish are brought aboard the Scofield, tagged, and released.

Fishermen returning the tags, and revealing the place and time of catch, will be given a wallet-sized commendation card by the State agency.

New Paper Appears

Harlingen, Tex.—First issue of the "Valley Labor News," dedicated to craftsmen of the Lower Rio Grande Valley and sponsored by AFL unions, have been published. The editor is Charles E. Formann, jr.

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For Dingell

Washington. — President Frank X. Martel of Wayne County Federation of Labor in Michigan reports that medical doctors are campaigning at bedside of patients against labor's friend, Rep. John D. Dingell of Detroit, house sponsor of health insurance.

English Priest Hits Negative Campaign Against Commies

The following comment in the "Pittsburgh Catholic" of June 1 speaks for itself:

"Rev. John C. Heenan, noted 'radio-priest' of England, who recently visited the United States, says he is convinced that Catholics here are over-concerned with the Communism menace. 'It was almost impossible to hear a speech from any priest or prelate in which Communism was not the dominant theme,' he asserts.

"Too much Catholic energy is going into this negative campaign Father Heenan complains, with the result that the teaching of Catholic doctrine and the spread of Catholic social principles suffer.

"It may seem strange that an English priest would be less worried about Communism than American Catholics are, for England is usually pictured to us as far down the road to Socialism, with Communism lurking just around the corner.

"But apparently Father Heenan doesn't feel as many of our American 'experts' do, that England's adoption of "socialized medicine' and the nationalization of certain industries, etc., are reasons for becoming obsessed with the anti-Communist danger. . . ."—(LLPE).

Dairy Farmers Join AFL Union

Pittsburgh. — Dairy farmers in the Pittsburgh marketing area have begun to join a union of their own.

Eager for some of the "cream" from district milk profits going to the big dairy firms, the farmers are joining Local 292, Associated Milk Producers & Handlers (AFL), which has opened headquarters in nearby Butler and is seeking to cover Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland and West Virginia.

This is the first dairy farmers' union to be chartered by the AFL, according to the local's secretary-treasurer, Donald J. McDonald. Similar dairy farmer locals have been chartered in Wisconsin, New York, New Jersey and Louisiana. All are affiliated with the National Farm Labor Union.

The farmers have a seven-point program designed to "secure for our members prices (from processors and distributors) for their products that will make it possible for them to remain in business and earn a decent living for their families".

Most of the 11,333 farmers in the area have been marketing their milk through the Dairymen's Cooperative Sales Association. Union label will mark all area dairy products, if the new union has it way, "to guarantee union conditions from farm to consumer." A union spokesman said milk prices might have to be raised to 20c or 22c a quart. It now sells at 19c retail.

The celebration of Labor day was inaugurated by the Knights of Labor in New York City in 1883.

PROGRAM OUTLINED FOR LABOR UNITY

Washington.—Following is the text of a statement issued July 25 by representatives of the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Indutrial Organizations on labor unity:

We conducted a very friendly, co-operative and encouraging constructive conversation of an exploratory nature. We discussed many phases of this whole problem of the achievement of labor unity.

We recognized the serious threat to world peace and to our country as a result of communist aggression. We vowed our complete determination to give full and united support to our government in this time of crisis. Labor in America is completely united against communist aggression and infiltration.

The AFL-CIO unity committee, after examining our mutual problems, determined that:

1. We will continue to work together in the field of international relations, through the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, as a means of strengthening democracy throughout the world.

2. We will work together in the fields of legislation and political action, to insure the continued strengthening of our American democratic institutions.

The AFL-CIO unity committee will meet again at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 26, at the Hotel Statler in Washington.

Following this meeting another meeting will be held at which time we will elect a chairman and secretary of this AFL-CIO unity committee, and give consideration to (1) establishing practical machinery to handle problems of jurisdictional disputes and raiding affecting unions of our two organizations, and (2) considering specific proposals for organic unity in the American labor movement.

Lives vs. Dollars

The votes to give the President emergency powers to direct business and industry to support the defense effort should be extremely interesting.

Congress is almost unanimous in approving the draft of men, the calling up of the Reserves and National Guard, the extension of enlistment periods in the armed forces, and so forth.

All of which is well and good.

But how many Senators and Representatives who stand behind Mr. Truman in the draft and in sending boys overseas to battle will support him in his effort to do whatever is necessary to back them up at home—even though it will hurt the pocketbooks of business friends?

Will Senator Taft vote to assign critical materials wherever they are needed and to control facilities needed for military purposes?

Will Senator Capehart vote for an excess profits tax?

Will Senator Millikin vote to limit goods for non-essential purposes?

Will Congressman Nixon vote to regulate consumer credit and credit used for speculating in stocks and bonds?

Will Senator Wiley vote for loans to increase production?

Will Senator Byrd vote to place the defense effort on a pay-as-you-go system, which he fought in World War II?

Will Senator George vote to increase inheritance taxes on the rich to take up the slack caused by spending for ships and sergeants?

Will Senator Hickenlooper vote for priorities?

Will Senator Donnell vote to take over, at fair payment, property needed for national defense?

Anyway, their votes—and those of their brothers in the Senate and House—will be highly revealing in this election year.—(LLPE).

Buchanan Puts Guts Into Lobby Act as Facts Come to Light

Rep. Frank Buchanan (D., Pa.) is doing a bang-up job as chairman of the House Committee on Lobbying Activities.

Not only is Buchanan forcing the operations of such outfits as the Committee for Constitutional Government and the National Association of Real Estate Boards into the open. His committee also is making the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act work for the first time since it became law in 1946.

The object of the law is to bring all lobbies and lobbyists into the open. There's nothing wrong with lobbying in itself as long as everyone knows who pays the bills.

Buchanan told the House July 17 that since his committee got to work more lobbyists than ever before have filed financial reports with Congress. All these reports are more complete than previously.

The guts of the lobbying law is the provision requiring lobbyists to register with Congress and to report every three months where they get their money and what they do with it.

"Anyone spending large sums of money admittedly for the purpose of seeking to influence legislative action by the Congress of the United States should have no hesitation about the Congress knowing of his identity and his interest, unless, of coure, he is ashamed of the cause he advocates," Buchanan says.—(LLPE).

Corporate Dividend Payments Rise 12%

Here's how members of the National Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce are "suffering" under the liberal Fair Deal Administration in Washington:

The Commerce Department July 14 said publicly-reported cash dividend payments of $210 million by corporations in May were 12 per cent higher than in May, 1949.

It further said the March-April-May total of $1.5 billion was 9 per cent above the figure for the same period last year.

And dividend payments reported publicly are only about 65 per cent of all such payments.

The word "barbecue" is said to have been used in Virginia prior to 1700.

Philippine Workers Study

Washington.—On a study tour of U.S. labor organizations, two Philippine union leaders are greeted by AFL President William Green. Left, Juan C. Tan, president of the newly-formed Federation of Free Workers, and, right, Pacifico Cruz, president Liberal Labor Union Manila Railroad.

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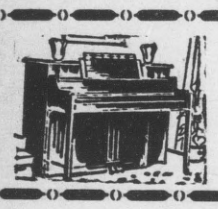
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THE TRUTH ABOUT PUBLIC HOUSING

(Your labor paper here reprints, in several successive issues, the report of the National Housing Conference, "The Truth About Public Housing," as an antidote to the campaign of lies, half-truths and misrepresentation now being conducted by real estate interests throughout the country. Watch this paper for following installments.)

FIFTH AND FINAL INSTALLMENT

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PUBLIC HOUSING COSTS ARE THE SAME OR LESS THAN PRIVATE HOUSING COMPARABLE IN STANDARDS OF CONSTRUCTION

In a recent report on "The High Cost of Housing" a congressional committee says: "No factual data to back up (statements made that public housing is more expensive) have been brought to our attention." Moreover, the committee goes on to say that "cost reductions were effected nearly everywhere" in the construction of existing public housing.

All construction work on public housing is awarded to private contractors on the basis of the **lowest competitive bid.** Costs are therefore substantially the same as prevail in a locality or area for the **same type of housing** put up by private enterprise. Public housing builds simply and economically, but durably in order to achieve the least maintenance costs over the life of projects.

The one impartial, carefully-documented study shows that public housing projects cost slightly less than comparable private projects built under similar conditions. This study was made by Perry Coke Smith, of the architectural firm of Voorhees, Walker, Foley & Smith; John P. H. Perry, Vice President of the Turner Construction Company; John P. Riley, director of development, New York City Housing Authority. Their report says that the public projects are "well built and in accordance with good current construction practice. They have been built economically."

The construction costs prevailing in a community determinine the construction costs of public housing. But in no event may the cost be above the top limit written into the Federal law. These limits have been established in order that the highest cost areas may not be barred from participating in the public housing program. But, obviously, the costs will be below these limits in lower cost areas.

PUBLIC HOUSING IS SUPPORTED BY A BROAD CROSS SECTION OF PUBLIC INTEREST ORGANIZATIONS

Public housing was voted by the Congress of the United States, which for years has extensively studied and debated the need for public housing, its merit, and its place in the American system. The Congress has twice passed housing bills, first in 1937 and then in 1949. The Housing Act of 1949, which extends the public housing program begun in 1937, was introduced jointly by 12 Republicans and 12 Democrats and had bi-partisan support both in the debate and in the vote.

The list of American public-interest organizations which have objectively studied the need for public housing and who advocate it as the American way of solving a crucial problem includes the major veterans, church, racial, professional, education, labor, womens, welfare, and civic groups. Among them are the American Legion, the Catholic War Veterans, the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America, the National Conference of Catholic Charities, the National Council of Jewish Women, the Young Womens Christian Association, the U. S. Conference of Mayors, the American Council on Education, the American Federation of Labor, the Congress of Indutrial Organizations, the National Association of Parents and Teachers; the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the League of Women Voters. The full list of the organizations supporting public housing includes:

American Legion
American Assn. of Social Workers
American Assn. of University Women
American Council on Education
American Federation of Labor
American Home Economics Assn.
AMVETS
American Veterans Committee
Catholic War Veterans
Congress of Industrial Organizations
Council for Social Action of the Congregational Christian Churches of the USA
Council for Christian Social Progress of the Northern Baptist Convention Cooperative League of the United States
Department of Christian Social Relations, Women's Division, Methodist Church
Department of Christian Social Relations, United Council of Church Women
Division of Social Education and Action, Presbyterian Church
Family Service Assn. of America
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America
International Association of Machinists
Jewish War Veterans
League of Women Voters of the U.S.
Nat. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People
Nat. Assn. of Consumers
Nat. Assn. of Rural Housing
Nat. Assn. of Parents and Teachers
Nat. Conference of Catholic Charities
Nat. Catholic Welfare Council
Nat. Council of Catholic Men
Nat. Council of Catholic Women
Nat. Council of Jewish Women
Nat. Council of Negro Women
Nat. Board of the YWCA
Nat. Urban League
Nat. Farmers Union
Nat. Federation of Settlements
Nat. Lutheran Council
Nat. Institute of Municipal Law Officers
U.S. Conference of Mayors
Veterans of Foreign Wars

14.

LOW-RENT PERMANENT PUBLIC HOUSING IS DIFFERENT FROM TEMPORARY WAR AND VETERAN HOUSING

Temporary war housing was built to accommodate workers in essential war industries. It was built for short-term use and slated to be torn down and removed as soon as permanent housing can be made available for the families structures. Veteran temporary housing was built after the war to aid in the urgent veteran housing problem.

That part of the public war housing which is of permanent construction is being sold to private owners or otherwise disposed of. It may possibly be transferred to local housing authorities for use as low-income housing, if Congress so decides.

Low-rent permanent public housing is the important long-term tool to aid in slum clearance, aid to disadvantaged families and the healthy growth of our cities.

15.

PUBLIC HOUSING INCREASES TENANTS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY, FAMILY AND PROPERTY

The large majority of new tenants in public low-rent housing respond immediately to the opportunity—often their first—for a simple, decent home. Maintenance by tenants has generally been excellent or satisfactory. Some families change their previous housekeeping habits only slowly. The very few who cannot improve at all even over a considerable period, must eventually be removed by the management.

But the challenge and opportunity of low-rent housing has been the clearly observable process of human development which has included a broader participation in community citizenship, increased financial stability, improved family life, and better care of property. All these develop together. Most families have responded immediately or slowly, so that able management has found the results gratifying and of significant value to the community and the families concerned.

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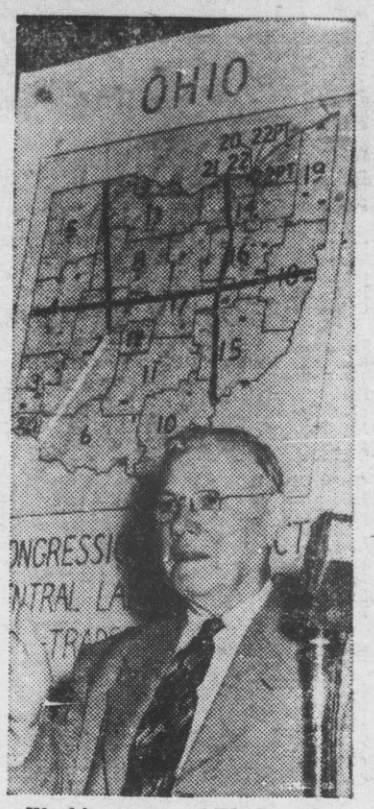

Washington. — AFL President William Green tells 2-day meeting of Labor's League for Political Education that tremendous amount of work to register voters and raise funds must be done immediately to assure election of Fair Deal congress in November. He stands in front of map of his native Ohio where he will vote for Joseph T. Ferguson to succeed Sen. Robert A. Taft.

To Expose War Speculators

Six liberal Congressmen—three Republicans and three Democrats—want the House to find out why food prices have gone up so much in the last month.

They are: Republicans Jacob Javits (N. Y.), James Fulton (Pa.), and Thor Tollefson (Wash.); Democrats Anthony Tauriello (N. Y.), Abraham Ribicoff (Conn.) and Sidney Yates (Ill.).

On July 20 they called on the House to appoint a special committee to investigate the high cost of food, clothing, houses and other things you need to live.

Speaking for the group, Javits told the House:

"Drastic increases . . . since the Korean aggression in the cost of flour, coffee, sugar, meat and similar items . . . as well as of basic raw materials like cotton, rubber and cooper are only the first signs of what is coming.

"Unscrupulous elements, though a small minority of our people, are always ready to take advantage of a national emergency for selfish purposes."

The action of these six Congressmen is typical of the way they serve their constituents. They are for the people.—(LLPE)

You Might Be Tapped To Replace the Boss

Silver Bay, N. Y.—Industry is making a search for labor's rank-and-file for new executives, it was reported here last week by Lawrence W. Appley, president of the American Management Association.

He told 400 business men at the anual Young Men's Christian Association conference on human relations in industry here that a shortage of business leaders existed. This was caused, he said, by the depression and World War II, which interrupted the development of young executives.

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